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61/256. Strengthening of the capacity of the Organization in peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objective of strengthening the United Nations capacity to manage, sustain and increase the effectiveness of peacekeeping activities while at the same time ensuring the safety and security of all United Nations personnel and improving accountability and effective management of personnel and resources,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his efforts to enhance the performance of the Organization in the conduct of peacekeeping operations;

2. *Supports* the restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, including the establishment of a Department of Field Support, and notes in this regard the intention of the Secretary-General to appoint an Under-Secretary-General to head that Department;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, as soon as possible, elaborating on the restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the establishment of the Department of Field Support, including functions, budgetary discipline and full financial implications – taking into account, inter alia, the recommendations in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[1] – for the consideration of and decision by the General Assembly during its sixty-first session, in accordance with established procedures;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to take full account of the views of the Member States in this regard, including those expressed at the 2007 session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, in particular the need to take all measures to guarantee unity of command, to promote integration of efforts and to strengthen operational capacities, both at Headquarters and in field missions;

5. *Stresses* that the actions to restructure the Department of Peacekeeping Operations should be implemented with full respect for the relevant mandates, decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council;

[1] A/61/743

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session a report to review the implementation of the present resolution.

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